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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT UNCTAD IV IN NAIROBI

REF: PORT MORESBY 0282, STATE 084252

1. REFTTEL CITES SIR MAORI KIKI AS SENIOR OFFICIAL REPRESENTING GPNG AT UNCTAD IV IN NAIROBI AND BENAIS SABUMEI AS ALTERNATE LEADER. BIO DATA IS AVAILABLE FOR BOTH IN EA/ANP. MOST RECENT HIGH LEVEL TALKS WERE HELD WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB END OF FEBRUARY 1976.

2. FONMIN KIKI IS VERY POLITE, BUT VERY FIRM BEHIND HIS NATURAL COURTESY. STRONG PRESSURE ON HIM WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. HE WOULD USUALLY NOT WANT PNG TO TAKE SIDES IN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES, AND WOULD NOT WANT OTHER COUNTRIES TO BECOME INVOLVED IN PNG'S PROBLEMS. THE POLITICS OF CONFRONTATION ARE NOT RPT NOT ATTRACTIVE TO HIM. HE BELIEVES THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO TALK THINGS OUT AND COMPROMISE. HE IS A MAN OF PRINCIPLE, DECENT, WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS OTHERS.
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